



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting herewith certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of the MTSAT-1R satellite and associated ground equipment to the Japanese Ministry of Transport. The satellite will provide meteorological information to the Japanese Meteorological Agency as well as civil aviation communications for the Japanese Civil Aviation Bureau. The satellite is planned for launch from either Japan or French Guiana.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights, and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Guest
Acting Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

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The Honorable

J. Dennis Hastert,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.